

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of)	MAIL STOP AMENDMENT
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Application No.: 10/532,591)	Group Art Unit: 2876
Filed: April 25, 2005)	Examiner: SEUNG H LEE
For: METHOD OF TRANSFERRING)	Confirmation No.: 9466
INFORMATION FROM A PLANT FOR)	
THE PRODUCTION OF PACKAGING)	
MATERIAL TO A FILLING MACHINE, A)	
METHOD OF PROVIDING A)	
PACKAGING MATERIAL WITH)	
INFORMATION, AS WELL AS)	
PACKAGING)	

RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated February 14, 2007, the following remarks are submitted.

The Official Action indicates that the claims in this application are directed to two different species. As identified in the Official Action, the two species are as follows.

Group I shown in Figures 1 and 2.

Group II shown in Figure 3.

Based on the observation that the two species are patentably distinct from one another, an election of species requirement has been imposed requiring an election of one of the two species. The Official Action also indicates that Claims 1-8 are directed to the Group II species while Claims 9-19 are drawn to the Group I species.

In response to the election of species requirement, applicants hereby elect, with traverse, the Group II species, including Claims 9-19.

The election is made with traverse for several reasons. First, this application was filed under 35 U.S.C. § 371 as a U.S. national stage application of an earlier filed international application. As such, this application is subject to unity of invention practice instead of U.S. restriction practice.

In addition, aside from the foregoing, Claims 1-8 which are said to correspond to the Group II species and Claims 9-19 which are said to correspond to the Group I species are not related as different species. Indeed, the Official Action notes as much where it comments on page two that the Group I "species" is drawn to a method for producing a package while the Group II "species" is drawn to a packaging material. Under the circumstances, the two groups cannot be said to constitute different species.

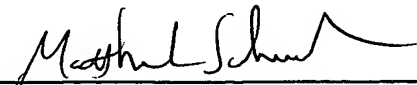
In light of the foregoing, withdrawal of the election of species requirement and examination of all of the claims of this application, including Claims 9-19 directed to the elected species, are respectfully requested.

Should any questions arise in connection with this application, the undersigned respectfully requests that he be contacted at the number indicated below.

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